

Have You Seen the Wind?

Who has seen the wind,
Neither I nor you:
But when the leaves hang trembling
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their heads,
the wind is passing by.

I was thinking of the above printed poem by Christina Rossetti as I watched the bending of the tree limbs during one of our recent storms!

I also was very aware of the wind as I navigated the hazardous air-fog, recently, from the fires in Canada. I thought about the strong winds of the Jet Stream carrying this smoke and what, if anything, I could do to somehow change it.

This, then, brought to mind a scripture where Jesus tells Nicodemus, in John 3:8 that , "The wind blows as it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell from where it comes from nor where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Commentaries explain that in this passage, Jesus speaks to how the wind is like the Holy Spirit in our lives. We cannot see the wind or control it, but we can see what it does.

"Trusting Spirit never means certainty. It always means attentiveness. It requires leaders and communities willing to release control and learn how to respond faithfully to the movement they did not initiate.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit is not passive. It requires formation and discernment. It requires environments where we can learn in motion rather than only evaluate outcomes after the fact."
from "Leading Ideas" by Isaiah J. Park

My challenge for you and for me the next time we feel a breeze, or see waves on the water or watch the leaves dance on the trees is to let this remind us to also be attentive, observant and watchful to God's Spirit moving and to tell someone about it!

Pat Gibson

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Pulpit Supply

In a transition when there is no called pastor leading the congregation, the Worship Committee forms a Pulpit Supply team. It is this team who contacts pastors to lead worship. Fairgreen's team is composed of Charlene Ravenscraft, Patti Nordhoff, Pat Gibson. They use Maumee Valley Presbytery, plus others who have given messages here before. The person filling the Pulpit Supply is paid, by the church, along with reimbursement for their mileage, these rates are set by the Maumee Valley Presbytery.

For the months of August and September, 2026 we have;

August 2: Rev. David Bartley

August 9: Elder Diane Adams

August 16: Elder Diane Adams

August 23: Rev. Jason Armstrong

August 30: Josh Humberger

September 6: Elder Diane Adams

September 13: Rev. David Bartley

September 20: Elder Diane Adams

September 27: Elder Diane Adams

This time in transition can provide a real gift as we hear how each pastor/speaker delivers the written Word, each voice we hear will have his or her own style. This is an advantageous opportunity to discover how God's Truth resonates to and through you! Glory to God!

Minister-On-Call Team!

During the next months of transition when Fairgreen is seeking the next pastor to shepherd us, there will be in place a Minister-On-Call Team!

We have retired Presbyterian ministers in our area who have agreed to be “on call”.



What this means is that if a situation arises when you, as a member of our congregation (or your family member) has a spiritual or comfort need for an ordained pastor to be with you, call the **church office at (419)475-4436** to leave a message or call **Kay Amendola at (419)-481-3140**. One of the pastors on the team will be notified of your need and will contact you.

A need might arise for many different reasons including hospitalization, illness, accident, death. It could be to officiate at a marriage or a funeral.

Having several pastors agree to be called upon allows scheduling flexibility for those who have graciously committed to helping. We also hope there is comfort in knowing, for all involved, that more than one minister is available! The church will reimburse the pastor's mileage.

You will be reminded of this Minister-on-Call program in the future newsletter; your personal Fairgreen shepherd will also be a helpful information source!

-Pulpit Supply Committee

Pastor Search Committee

If you have wondered what has been done with the results of the survey many of you filled out with your wants, hopes and dreams for our new part-time pastor, then read on!

The Pastor Search Committee has methodically taken the answers the congregation took the time to discern and have completed questions to ask the candidates as our interviews begin.

During June and July, we have seriously and prayerfully spent hours forming interview questions and feel confident that the questions we have created reflect what was stated on the survey results.

We are ready and eager to talk with anyone who might be interested in the pastor position which Fairgreen has available!

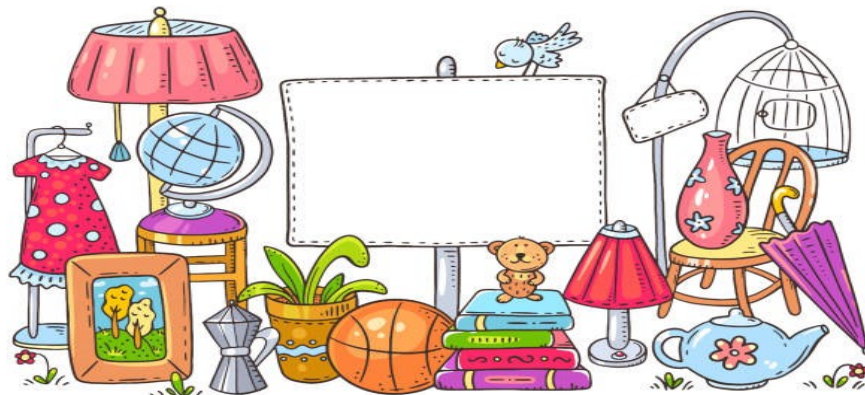
Community Garage Sale

Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 9am-3pm

**Held at
Fairgreen Presbyterian Church
3220 W. Laskey Rd.
Toledo, Ohio 43613 419-475-4436**

**Come join us for great deals, food and lots of fun.
Many bargains to be found in this giant
neighborhood sale!**

***CALL NOW TO GRAB A FREE SPOT! 419-475-4436**
(DEADLINE 9/5)*

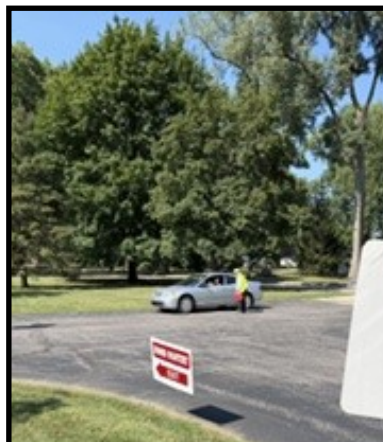


July Mani Day



Come join us for fellowship or a fresh mani, August 19th from 12-1pm!

July Food Pantry





August

Happy Birthday

Denise Burtch	August 1
Fred Aherns Jr.	August 2
Piper Buehrer	August 8
John Macpherson	August 14
Jack Banfield	August 26
Jim Eaton	August 26
Peg Winslow	August 27
Maki Coley	August 28
Shannon Smith-Lee	August 31

September

Happy Birthday

Jan Anderson	September 14
Scott Strayer	September 15
Elizabeth Allen	September 28
Julie Murray	September 29
Chris Roebuck	September 30

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Commons Rental 10-5 pm
2 10am Worship Holy Communion Session Meeting after worship Pulpit– Rev David Bartley	3 Office Closed	4	5 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11 am Sodbusters Rag- time Rick 7:30 pm Bible Study 3pm	6	7 1pm Music Rehearsal	8
9 10am Worship Pulpit– Elder Diane Adams	10 Office Closed	11 Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends—1pm Brick house	12 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11 am Bible Study 3pm	13	14 1pm Music Rehearsal	15
16 10am Worship Pulpit– Elder Diane Adams	17 Office Closed	18	19 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11 am Mani Day 12-1pm Bible Study 3pm	20 Packing for Food Pantry 9 am Congregational Life Meeting 10am	21 1pm Music Rehearsal Food Pantry 4-6 pm	22
23 10am Worship Pulpit– Rev. Jason Armstrong	24 Office Closed	25	26 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11 am Worship Committee Meeting 11 am Bible Study 3pm	27	28 1pm Music Rehearsal	29
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September

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***Prayer Requests**

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****You can also submit a
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